

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 109

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ronnie A. Riley of
Trenton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ronnie A. Riley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Riley was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Riley served his fellow West Tennesseans in a number of capacities, but he will be specially remembered by many as the long-serving Gibson County Mayor, a post he held for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, born June 16, 1941 in Palmersville, Tennessee, Ronnie Riley was the son of the late Clovis and Desdie Akers Riley; and

WHEREAS, while attending the University of Tennessee at Martin, Mr. Riley became a member of Alpha Gamma Rho; and

WHEREAS, known as an entrepreneur as well as an elected official, Mr. Riley owned and operated Merle Norman and Just Stitches in Trenton; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service as Gibson County Mayor, Mr. Riley participated in local government as the Mayor of Trenton and as a member of the Trenton City Council; and

WHEREAS, instrumental in saving the railroads of Gibson County and West Tennessee, he served as the State Chair and President of the Tennessee Rail Alliance; and

WHEREAS, truly a civic leader, Mr. Riley devoted considerable energy to his local library, helping to form the Gibson County Imagination Library, and he was West Tennessee Executive Director of the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Riley was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Diana Riley, and was the proud father of one daughter, Tracy Schultz, and two step-sons, Robert Lockard and Doug Lockard; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his brother, Rudy Riley, his granddaughter, Addisson Schultz, and his three step-grandchildren, Michael Lockard, Mandy Lockard, and Ashley Lockard; and

WHEREAS, he is survived as well by his brother-in-law, Neal Dolvin, his son-in-law, Robert Schultz, his step-daughter-in-laws, Diane Lockard and Tracy Lockard, and two step-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Robbie Dolvin, and his brother, Randall Riley; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Riley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Ronnie A. Riley, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Riley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.